

***Application of
Dowd Water Systems, Inc.
For Increase of Rates and
Charges for Water Service***

Docket No. 2001-75-W

August 1, 2001

***Testimony of
Charles A. Creech
Utilities Department***

Public Service Commission of South Carolina

1 Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME, BUSINESS ADDRESS AND
2 OCCUPATION.

3 A. My name is Charles A. Creech and my business address is 101 Executive
4 Center Drive, Columbia, South Carolina. I have been employed by the
5 Public Service Commission of South Carolina since July of 1972 and am
6 presently in the Utilities Department as Chief of Water and Wastewater.

7 Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY INVOLVING
8 DOWD WATER SYSTEMS, INC.?

9 A. The purpose of my testimony is to set forth, in summary form, the Staff's
10 findings relative to the determination of the amount of additional operating
11 revenues that would result from the implementation of the proposed
12 schedules of rates and, also, the results of Staff's field investigation of service
13 supplied by the Company.

14 Q. I SHOW YOU THE REPORT, ENTITLED, "COMMISSION STAFF
15 REPORT, DOWD WATER SYSTEMS, INC., PUBLIC SERVICE
16 COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, DOCKET NO. 2001-75-W."
17 ARE THE FINDINGS OF YOUR REVIEW CONTAINED IN THIS
18 REPORT?

19 A. Yes, they are contained under the Utilities Department tab.

20 Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN HOW YOU COMPILED THE INFORMATION IN
21 YOUR REPORT.

22 A. Staff was able to determine the amount of additional operating revenues
23 which would be produced by the proposed rates by using the information
24 provided by the Company in its Application, the Company's responses to
25 Staff's Data Request, and an audit of the Company's books and records.

26 Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN PART A, EXHIBIT 1 OF YOUR REPORT.

27 A. Part A, Exhibit No. 1, page 1, is a summary of the Staff's review of the
28 Company's present and proposed rates.

29 Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN PART B, EXHIBIT 2 OF YOUR REPORT.

30 A. Part B, Exhibit No. 2, page 2, summarizes the effect of the present
31 Commission approved rates and proposed rates on the Company's operating
32 revenue. Under the present Commission approved rates, which are detailed

1 in Exhibit 1 of Staff's report, the Company's present revenue is \$4500.
2 Using the proposed rates, the Company would receive \$15,300 in revenue.
3 This would result in an increase of \$10,800 or a 240 % increase in revenue.

4 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN PART C, EXHIBIT 3, OF YOUR REPORT.**

5 A. Part C, Exhibit No. 3, page 2, summarizes the effect of the proposed rates and
6 charges on a customer's water bill. The system is a non-metered system, and
7 the currently approved rate is a \$15.00 flat rate per month. The requested
8 monthly flat rate is \$51.00 per month.

9 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN PART D, EXHIBIT 4 OF YOUR REPORT.**

10 A. Part D, Exhibit 4, pages 3 and 4, is the most recent Utilities Department
11 Business Office Compliance Review Report conducted by Commission Staff
12 for the Company.

13 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN PART E, EXHIBIT 5 OF YOUR REPORT.**

14 A. Part E, Exhibit 5, page 5, contains the results of Staff's review of service
15 provided by the Company.

16 **Q. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY?**

17 A. Yes, it does.
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